

your sister & feel all the interest in you than an own
 sister could - Miss Congdon stops at the Churchboard
 House & will take any thing you wish to send to me -
 Give my best love to Ned & tell him he must not for-
 get his duty - I hope he is a very good boy - I have
 not been to Mentham since I saw you there - I
 had no idea we should be in New B. so long - If I
 had had the least thought of it I should have gone
 to Mentham Thanksgiving - were you & Edward there? -

(over!)

Rev. A. A. Phelps.

Boston.

Mrs.

Miss Congdon.

I cannot tell you any more than that
 I have not been at home from having
 been there six weeks - I don't like to
 write - but if you do I shall be very
 happy to hear from you.

We are boarding at Capt. Gibbs & shall probably re-
 main here till William gets a voyage which he likes
 to do as soon as the spring opens - then I intend going
 to Mentham to remain while he is absent - he and both
 in good health - He sends much love to you both & a
 kiss to Ned - He writes me for once in your life a long
 letter & tell me all your affairs & ever believe me your much
 attached sister Emily

may be the one in fault after all - I have been ~~the~~
more frequently reminded of Charlotte this winter by
Mrs Lotts' - She has been confined to her room for
two months & to her bed most of the time - She
has had a great deal of sickness & instead of bearing
it patiently she always seems to repine & thumps
her lot is very hard - I have been tempted to speak
many times & once or twice I have made the
comparison between her sufferings & Sisters & the spirit
manifested by each - I have told her what C. used to say -
"the less you say about your complaints & sufferings, the
better you can bear them & the more sympathy you get" -
She always acknowledges the truth of it & I think it has done
her good. I love to sit by myself & think of Sister
in Heaven & enjoying all she anticipated & more than she
could imagine - It is delightful to feel that you have
a friend in Heaven - May we ever keep in mind her
constant devotedness to her Son & feel that to die as she did
we must live as she did -

How you can find your shirts from them -
them? I felt very much troubled about leaving them
but Mother said she would have them finished - If you
a & want have any sewing you wish done, I am at
home now & can do it as well as not - So call
upon me as much as you please & remember I am still

is Larinia with you? How is Edward? do you take him to the office with you every day or do you stay at home - By the way I noticed in the Liberator which I see occasionally, that you had given up your office in the A. S. Society & had recd a call to become the pastor of the Free Church - do you intend to keep house or board in the summer - I trust you will answer all these questions patiently & not think them impertinent either for altho' you are quite old enough & capable of taking care of yourself yet I feel a sort of care of you & am very much interested in all your affairs - I think you must have passed a lonely winter if you have given yourself time to think about it -

I have thought a great deal of Sister C. recently & the more I think of it the more I feel her loss - She was my only sister in one respect - the only one who could enter into my feelings - she enjoyed all my pleasures & sympathised in all my sorrows & was always ^{ready} to advise & eminently qualified - I ~~have~~ no friend who can supply her place - I never had any unity of feeling with Sister H. She is so much occupied with herself & her concerns (& always has been) that she has no thoughts for others - I hope as she grows older she will change materially in that respect - But enough of complaint - I always come to this conclusion - I

Mrs. Emily Sturtevant.

New Bedford. Jan 21. 1839.

My dear brother,

Miss Congdon (who is going to Boston to attend the Anti-Slavery meetings) has politely offered to take any thing I may here to send to you & lest you should forget that you had a Sister Emily, I thought it best to write & remind you that such an one there is, who has not lost her regard for you & yours - I have a great mind ^{to} scold you a little for not acknowledging the receipt of that box I sent you - Indeed I don't certainly know that you ever received it, but I heard in a left-handed way that there were articles at the ~~line~~ from New Bedford & as I had not heard of any thing else being sent, I concluded those I sent arrived in safety - Now, Sir, if you please you will just write me by Miss Congdon (or by any other person, or by mail) & justify yourself if you can - ~~Now~~ If you think I have decided enough to bring you to repentance I will leave the subject - - - - -
Are you keeping house this winter? If so